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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 14 August 2003, the period for response being extended by the attached Petition, please amend the above-captioned U.S. Patent application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 7.